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FOR SCHNEIDER FROM KUX

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MEHTA

1. WOULD YOU CONFIRM TO INDIANS THAT JOE NYE IS READY TO MEET WITH JAGAT IN LONDON THE MORNING OF JUNE 10. SINCE NYE HAS TO DEPART LONDON ON THE NOON TWA FLIGHT JUNE 10, PERHAPS THEY COULD MEET AT BREAKFAST AND THEN CONTINUE UNTIL ABOUT TEN WHEN NYE WILL HAVE TO LEAVE TO CATCH HIS FLIGHT. I WILL ALSO WORK THROUGH THE INDIAN EMBASSY HERE ON FIRING UP THE TIME AND LOCALE FOR THEIR MEETING. AS LOU NOSENZO HAS TO RETURN DIRECTLY FROM PARIS TO WASHINGTON, JOE HAS ASKED THAT I ATTEND.

2. WE ARE TRYING TO THINK THROUGH THE BEST APPROACH WITH JAGAT, BOTH IN TERMS OF PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND SUBSTANCE.

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ON THE FORMER, BASED ON FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSION THE AMBASSADOR HAD AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, I ASSUME THAT WE SHOULD START THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THEN BEGIN TALKING ON OTHER NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTIONS LATER IN THE SUMMER AFTER THE MONSOON SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. OUR INSTRUCTION TO YOU PRETTY MUCH SPELLED OUT WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND. YOUR REPORTING TELEGRAM WAS NOT

SPECIFIC, BUT I ASSUME YOU WENT OVER THIS AT THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY AND THEREFORE THE INDIANS SHOULD HAVE A GOOD IDEA

WHAT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT.

3. ONE APPROACH TO JAGAT WOULD BE TO USE THE DETAILED
INSTRUCTIONS AS THE BASIC TALKING PAPER. JOE COULD
THEN ELABORATE ROUGHLY WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND ON THE
DIFFERENT POINTS.

4. ENOUGH SAID FROM HERE. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS
BY MONDAY MORNING OUR TIME ON APPROACHING MEHTA.
FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT ALSO, WE ARE NOT SURE WHO
THE GOOD FELLOWS ARE, EXCEPT FOR DESAI. SETHNA? THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY? OR IS THIS IRRELEVANT SINCE BOTH
WILL BE IN THE ACT ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS? CHRISTOPHER

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